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From left: Gabriel Cordova, First Officer; Yousif Al Hammadi, Director of Security Government Relations for GI Aviation; Jukka Vito, Captain and Flight Ops Director; and Marios Belidis, General Manager, GI Aviation, at the launch of their private charter service and their first Pilatus PC-12NG at Sky Dive Dubai, one of the world's most famous drop off zones image

GI AVIATION IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS FLIES THE MIDDLE EAST'S FIRST PILATUS PC-12NG INTO SKY DIVE DUBAI

GI Aviation, the newest name to enter the private air charter market in the UAE is now open for bookings following the award of its GCAA Air Operator's Certificate in December 2016.

Several demo flights from its Al Bateen Executive Airport, Abu Dhabi home have been performed and yesterday, Sunday January 22nd, the privately-owned company made history by landing its first Pilatus PC-12NG at Zero Gravity, Sky Dive Dubai, one of the most famous drop off zones.*

"This is an auspicious occasion for us," commented GI Aviation Marios Belidis, presenting the ultra-versatile Pilatus PC-12NG to industry guests, media and interested parties. "GI Aviation is the first company to operate this aircraft commercially in the region and is pioneering an all new business model for the Gulf. Our goal is to deliver a competitively priced, reliable private charter service that will encourage new clients into this sector and stimulate the market."

"We are duly looking forward to engaging with charter brokers, travel agencies, corporate entities and individuals alike to demonstrate the unique characteristics the Pilatus PC-12NG holds over similar sized jets. We expect demand will initially focus on key city pairs in the region where we will serve Doha, Kuwait, Bahrain, KSA and Sir Bani Yas from Abu Dhabi and Dubai," he added.

The distinctive Swiss-built high-speed turboprop (520 km/h cruise speed with a pressurized cabin of up to 30'000ft) is well suited for private group charter. Equipped with a stylish BMW DesignWorks interior the aircraft offers the jet experience with a large rear cargo door.

Congratulating GI Aviation on obtaining its AOC, Ali Alnaqbi, MEBAA Chairman, commented that entrepreneurial companies like GI Aviation with their flagship PC-12NG and fresh approach to marketing is going to help widen the customer base for business aviation in a region where larger jets typically dominate. On short flight routes within the Gulf region, the PC-12NG makes commercial sense, he said.

The state of the art PC-12NG continues to grow in popularity globally with nearly 1,400 sold to date.

GI Aviation plans to receive their second PC-12NG aircraft in February 2017 with its primary base in Dubai South Airport.

*Sky Dive Dubai's 750m strip is home to the company's PC-6, Twin Otter and NG Viking fleet. GI Aviation's PC-12 is the first commercial aircraft to land there since it accepted fixed wing aircraft in 2011.



World-Record Female Helicopter Pilot to Help Remit the 2017 Fly It Forward® Awards

Jennifer Murray First Woman to Fly Around the World in a Helicopter and First Woman to fly above both poles will be the Keynote Speaker at the Fly It Forward® Award Luncheon in Vancouver, Canada

The Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) is proud to announce that Jennifer Murray first woman to fly around the world in a helicopter and first woman to fly above both poles will help remit trophies to the winners of the 2017 Fly It Forward® Challenge that will take place during Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, March 6-12.

Launched in 2010 to celebrate the centennial of the world's first female pilot license earned by Raymonde de Laroche on March 8, 1910, in a meaningful manner, the annual global Fly It Forward® competition challenges pilots from across the world to invite girls of any age to experience flight onboard a small aircraft. The global initiative aims to address the glaring flight introduction gender gap. In 2017, a boy is still 3 times as likely as a girl to be encouraged to try flying.

"All aviation vocations begin with a passion for flight," said Mireille Goyer, the airline-rated pilot who founded the initiative. "It is that passion that drives individuals to chose a career in the air and space industry."

The Fly It Forward® titles and trophies reward the individuals and communities who document introducing the most girls and women to the sensations of flight in any small aircraft during the annual Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week. Categories include airport communities, pilots, and organizers.

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ECLIPSE SETS UP JETWAVE LAB TO SUPPORT FIRST GX CUSTOMERS.

With the recent delivery of JetWave hardware to an Eclipse customer and the pending activation of the first GX customer via Eclipse's joint venture, [AERO-SATCOM](#), our satcom lab has now entered the age of HTS technology with the installation of a JetWave system at our Paris labs.

Eclipse has been on the forefront of delivering new High Throughput Satellite (HTS) solutions to our customers. This includes having recently delivered a complete Honeywell JetWave system to one of our customers and ongoing preparations to activate our first Global Xpress airtime customer through our UK-based Joint Venture, AERO-SATCOM. A crucial part of supporting complex communications systems is having the ability to work with the specific configuration a customer is or will ultimately use. During the system design, testing, integration and in-service support phases of an airborne satcom project all aspects of the communications architecture must be as close as possible to that of the customer. At Eclipse, we have had a well appointed satcom lab for many years with all of the latest equipment where we have hosted many of our customers as they evaluate system performance, develop new applications and conduct systems integration testing. We have often been the first to test our partners' new products and services coming to market in an effort to deliver the most capable systems to our customers.

With the recent delivery of JetWave hardware to an Eclipse customer and the pending activation of the first Global Xpress customer via Eclipse's joint venture, AERO-SATCOM, our satcom lab has now entered the age of High Throughput Satellite (HTS) technology with the installation of a JetWave system at our Paris labs.

We already have customers scheduled to visit in the coming weeks to see first-hand the dramatic step forward this technology brings to the airborne satcom environment. With this first Ka-band hardware sale, first pending airtime activation and the SUMS STC certification referenced [in a previous article](#), Eclipse is proud to be at the forefront of the new technologies that are currently revolutionizing the airborne satcom industry.

We hope to welcome many of our customers and partners to our Paris lab to see first-hand the capabilities of the most modern airborne satellite communications systems available.

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In 2016, pilots flew more than 1,500 hours equivalent to four around-the-world flights to conduct 8,418 Fly It Forward® flights in aircraft ranging from balloons to ultralights to airplanes to helicopters. To win, communities routinely introduces hundreds to thousands of girls and women to flight during the Week.

"The Challenge's titles reward pure human goodness articulated into tangible efforts to fostering a more diverse and inclusive industry," said Mireille Goyer.

This year, as the world celebrates 80 years of female helicopter pilots, Fly It Forward® Challenge winners will receive their trophies at the May 25 Fly It Forward® Award Luncheon in Vancouver, Canada, featuring Jennifer Murray as the keynote speaker.

"I am touched and honoured that you should ask me to be your keynote speaker. All that you are doing for gender equality in aviation is wonderful and very close to my heart.

Indeed, it was one of the principal motivations for my global flights," shared Jennifer Murray.

For details about the Fly It Forward® Challenge and previous winners, please visit www.WomenOfAviationWeek.org.

For details about the Award Luncheon, please visit www.iWOAW.org/symposium/.



Flying Colours receives approval from Transport Canada for ADS-B OUT installation on Bombardier Challenger 604/605 and 300 models.

With the ADS-B OUT mandate fast approaching North America's-based Flying Colours Corp. has secured approval from the Transport Canada Civil Aviation department to install ADS-B OUT technology on Canadian registered Bombardier Challenger 600-2B16 (604 and 605) and 300 airframes.

FCC is finalizing the installation of its first Canadian registered aircraft which will have the system fitted. This new approval complements its existing FAA certification which was awarded just over a year ago and has been installed on a number of Challenger aircraft. It is expected to receive validation from Europe's EASA in the near future.

"We are well aware that the deadline for this mandate is coming up fast, and we want to be

able to support as many of our clients as possible in complying with the regulations. Our US facility is already handling regular installations and with this new approval we can increase the number of aircraft we put through the Peterborough workshops," says Sean Gillespie, Executive VP, Flying Colours. There will be many Canadian aircraft that will need to be equipped with the system by the deadline of 1 January 2020. "We've invested significantly in tooling and training to support customers. This latest approval will help us ready existing clients for the changes, and attract new ones too, as we know installation slots are filling up fast."

Automatic Dependent Surveillance - OUT (ADS-B OUT) enables the aircraft to report

highly accurate position and status information to air traffic control, replacing the need for traditional radar. With EASA mandating that by 7 December 2017, all aircraft with a maximum certified take-off weight exceeding 5,700kg, or having a maximum cruise airspeed capability greater than 250 kts, must be ADS-B OUT (DO-260B) compliant

With facilities in Canada, the USA, & Singapore, global aviation services company Flying Colours Corp. brings over 25 years of experience to every facet of its business, which includes Green completions, Interior Refurbishment & Modifications, Heavy Maintenance, Exterior Paint, Special Mission Modifications, and Avionics Installations.

MINISTERS TO ATTEND WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM ANNUAL MEETING

The Honourable Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development; the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of International Trade; the Honourable Scott Brison, President of the Treasury Board; the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage; and the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, are to attend the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting from January 17 to 20, 2017.

In an increasingly connected global economy, Canada's diversity and connections to the world are among its greatest assets and will prove vital as the government works to grow the middle class and focuses on enhancing the prosperity of Canadians. The 2017 WEF meeting provides an excellent opportunity to reaffirm Canada's position as an important political and commercial partner, and a destination of choice for investors, before many of the world's most influential business leaders and decision makers. At the meeting, the ministers will highlight Canada's actions to strengthen the middle class and spur long-term economic growth that benefits all Canadians.

The ministers will meet with global business leaders, representatives of civil society and other government representatives to collaborate more closely on sustainable economic growth, inclusive governance and green innovation. The ministers will also promote Canada's strong record as a reliable and dynamic partner for business, trade and investment.



Ontario Supporting 93 Community Projects Across the Province

Trillium Grants Are Helping People in Their Everyday Lives

Ontario is supporting [93 non-profit projects](#) across the province that will make a difference in people's lives, strengthen communities and support our environment.

MPP Jeff Leal was in Peterborough today, on behalf of Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport, to highlight a collaborative grant led by GreenUP, a local environmental organization. The grant, awarded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, will support a Regional Centre of Expertise that will teach people and organizations about sustainable development, including water and energy conservation, waste reduction and local food production.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation supports projects ranging from preserving Indigenous languages and cultural traditions, to helping people lead active lives or learn new job skills. Ontario Trillium Foundation grants are awarded to projects that:

- Foster more active lifestyles
- Build inclusive and engaged communities
- Encourage people to support a healthy and sustainable environment

Enrich lives through arts, culture and heritage
Support the positive development of children and youth

Enhance people's economic well-being, including developing job skills.

Investing in local communities is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

GreenUP is receiving a \$75,000 grant through the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its Regional Centre of Expertise. Ontario is investing more than \$5 million in the 93 non-profit initiatives that will help build strong social and cultural communities across the province. Since April 1, 2013 the province, through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, has invested over \$354 million in projects to help build healthy and vibrant communities. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario and one of Canada's largest granting foundations. The Ontario Trillium Foundation uses research to guide decision-making and relies on community-based volunteers across Ontario to review applications and guide granting decisions.

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"We are fortunate to live in a province of inclusion, innovation and opportunity. Through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, our government is making important investments that result in real differences for communities across the province. Today's announcement will strengthen the social and cultural nature of our diverse communities."

-Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

"When the Ontario Trillium Foundation invests in projects like the Regional Centre for Expertise, we're encouraged to see environmental organizations like GreenUP collaborating with so many community partners. This kind of inclusive and engaged effort shows how Ontario's communities are becoming more environmentally healthy and vibrant places to live. Through this initiative, the Ontario Government and the Ontario Trillium Foundation are building strong communities for future generations."

- Janet Yale, Board Chair at the Ontario Trillium Foundation

"Today's investments in programs like this one here in Peterborough are part of our commitment to strengthen initiatives and programs that reflect local interests in preserving and securing a sustainable environmental future. My hope is that every one participates in the rich and diverse social and cultural programs and initiatives available in their communities."

- Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough

"GreenUP is very grateful to be the recipient of a Seed Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This Seed Grant will provide critical resourcing for the newly established Peterborough-Kawartha's Regional Centre

of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development - a prestigious designation recognized by the United Nations University, and endorsed by UNESCO. This grant will help us communicate and share knowledge around the world!"

-Brianna Salmon, Executive Director, GreenUP



Ontario Taking Next Step to Protect Water Resources

Proposed Fee Would Support Better Groundwater Research and Management

As part of Ontario's plan to protect water resources, the province is proposing a new fee for water bottling companies that take groundwater.

Currently, water bottlers are charged \$3.71 for every million litres of groundwater they take. Ontario is proposing water bottlers pay an additional \$500 fee, which would bring the cost up to \$503.71 for every million litres of groundwater taken.

The proposed fee would help recover the costs of managing groundwater taken by water bottlers, including supporting scientific research policies, outreach and compliance, and would further build upon Ontario's recent actions to protect groundwater, including:

- Placing a moratorium on all new and expanded permits to take water from groundwater sources for water bottling
- Reviewing existing rules for water bottlers and undertaking further research to ensure long-term groundwater protection, including considering the impacts of climate change and future demand on water sources
- Engaging Indigenous partners on groundwater management

Consulting with communities and industry on changes to groundwater management practices. People across Ontario are encouraged to provide their input on the proposed new fee for water bottlers through the [Environmental Registry](#), available until March 20, 2017. Protecting Ontario's groundwater sources for future generations is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

QUICK FACTS

If approved, the proposed fee would be among the highest in Canada. Ontario finalized a [two-year moratorium](#) on new and expanded water takings by bottling companies on Dec. 16, 2016. The moratorium will remain in effect until Jan. 1, 2019. Ontario is also seeking feedback from the public on [stricter rules for existing water bottling companies that use groundwater](#). The proposed rules are posted on the Environmental Registry for comment and will remain open until Jan. 31, 2017.

In Ontario, water bottling facilities must apply for permits to take water from groundwater sources if the facility takes more than 50,000 litres of water in a day.

Ontario's drinking water is among the [best protected in the world](#).

LONDON OXFORD AIRPORT

London Oxford Airport, one of the UK's busiest business aviation hubs, returns to Schedulers & Dispatchers in Fort Worth, TX, USA this week with a trio of tempting offers for first time visitors as it joins its long-standing fuel supplier Air BP on Booth 500.

For visitors traveling to or from North America direct to OXF/EGTK, the airport is offering

'Try and Fly' deal which includes a waived landing fee and a 50% reduction in parking fees for up to a week's stay for first time users

A 2.5% price reduction on fuel uplifts (with partner Air BP) of over 1,500 litres.

For those wishing to enjoy an on-site helicopter shuttle service to or from the jointly owned London Heliport in the centre of London, a 22-minute run, London Oxford will halve the associated landing fee at the Heliport.

Valid until the end of December 2017, these three promotional offers combined could save operators thousands of dollars on a transatlantic trip through the UK for those with large aircraft.

LONDON OXFORD AIRPORT LAUNCHES 'TRY AND FLY' OFFERS AT SCHEDULERS & DISPATCHERS

James Dillon-Godfray, Head of Business Development who will be at S&D comments: "We look forward to welcoming first-time visitors to London Oxford and urge them to make the most of these opportunities while

they last. With easy access to London and the jointly owned and operated London Heliport at Battersea, we offer a unique package to clients using both fixed and rotary wing aircraft."

London Oxford Airport, located just outside the more congested London Terminal Movement Area (LTMA) is ideally positioned as a viable choice for access to London.

Located 40 miles from Greater London and with easy access via the UK's motorway network, Oxford is served by the fastest and least congested of London's key arterial road routes - it's just an hour's drive into London's West End.

The airport's standard opening hours are 06:30 to 22:30, seven days a week, but offers easy extensions from 06:00 to midnight. Visitors can also enjoy the

airport's award-winning VIP FBO terminal,

OxfordJet which is one of very few IS-BAH (International Standard for Business Aircraft Handling) accredited FBOs in Europe. London Oxford Airport has a Rockwell Collins ARINC Direct data link ground station installed, accepts multiple fuel and services payment cards and offers exceptionally quick turn-times as a full EASA-certificated airport.

This year the airport is making further investments in new hangarage and parking areas taking aircraft up to BBJ/Airbus A320/EMB-195 size.

Note: Subject to 48 hr pre-notification, valid through to end December 2017. Applies to aircraft over 15 tonnes only. All charges in UK Sterling, airport fees excl. VAT. Offer subject to minimum 500 litres fuel uplift during visit. Second visit, published fees apply. All other services as per published rates.



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Nigerian
Business Aviation
Conference

AFBAA AND NBAC TO CO-HOST WEST AFRICAN BUSINESS AVIATION SYMPOSIUM

The African Business Aviation Association (AfBAA) has teamed up with EAN Aviation, organisers of the annual Nigerian Business Aviation Conference, NBAC, to merge the two respected meetings into one powerful event.

In a value-add for delegates the two meetings will come together to spearhead discussions about the value of creative business thinking, and how it can stimulate new ideas to help navigate the increasingly challenging world of business aviation in the region. The organisers have designed the programme with the aim of providing a set of pragmatic tools that will support the region's stakeholders' future planning and development.

Networking will also form a significant part of the meeting and organisers have introduced a "Meet the Operators" session that will enable suppliers and operators to effectively network in a dedicated environment. "We see operators as a lynchpin for the industry and want to facilitate meetings that will be genuinely useful for both parties," says Rady Fahmy, CEO of AfBAA.

The programme will include discussions about human resources and training; the benefits of purchasing pre-owned as opposed to new aircraft; and look at how to plan for ongoing success. Presentations will explore the perception of West African business aviation and a case study will look at how the closure of Abuja airport, Nigeria's legislative capital may have affected the sector.

"We've create a dynamic programme with some fascinating new themes for delegates to debate. We are sure we can provide several tangible take-aways that will contribute to business longevity," added Segun Demuren, CEO of co-host EAN Aviation.

In another first the event will be Chaired by African aviation industry veteran Nick

Fadugba who, for more than thirty years, has been supporting aviation development on the continent through his company African Aviation Services. Sponsors are already confirming their interest with leading names Bombardier, Gulfstream and RUAG all confirming their participation.

The AfBAA Regional Symposium West Africa/NBAC 2017 event will take place at The Eko Hotel Convention Centre, Lagos on 23 and 24 March. For more information please visit www.afbaa.org or www.nbac.com.ng

The African Business Aviation Association was launched in May 2012 to represent the interests of Africa's aircraft owners, operators, and suppliers to the Business Aviation community in a single voice. AfBAA has over 115 members.

AfBAA's primary objective is to promote the understanding and benefits that Business Aviation provides for the Continent's economic development and prosperity through advocacy

As an active, well funded, professionally run organisation AfBAA is committed to increasing membership, raising awareness of the Association internally and externally in Africa and supporting all entities involved in Business Aviation in Africa.

EAN Aviation is a fully integrated FBO and maintenance facility operating out of Murtala Mohammed airport in Lagos, Nigeria. It offers maintenance, ground support, inflight services, aircraft charter and broking services.

It runs a private terminal dedicated to business aviation and is the founder of the annual Nigerian Business Aviation Conference.

Bell Helicopter
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BELL HELICOPTER AND SIMRIK AIR CELEBRATE FIRST BELL 407GXP DELIVERY IN NEPAL

Bell Helicopter, a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced today the delivery of the first Bell 407GXP to Nepal with customer Simrik Air. This is the customer's first Bell helicopter and is outfitted for multi-mission capabilities, including travel and tourism and search and rescue. Bell Helicopter and Simrik Air commemorated the delivery at a special ceremony in Kathmandu, Nepal. Simrik Air, established in 2001, is a leading helicopter company in Nepal with a superior track record in high altitude rescue services. Simrik Air's trained pilots and rescue specialists from the United States and Switzerland carry out long line missions for rescues, heli skiing missions, filming operations, aerial surveying, and more.

"At Simrik Air, we are proud to provide our customers with reliability, innovation and one of the best safety records in Nepal and believe the addition of the Bell 407GXP will allow us to continue to serve our customers," said Capt Rameshwar Thapa, Chairman, Simrik Air Pvt Ltd. "We are excited to be the first customer in Nepal to operate this incredible aircraft and celebrate this milestone with Bell Helicopter." Last November, Bell Helicopter successfully completed a **demonstration tour of the Bell 407GXP** throughout Nepal. The demonstration included flights in Kathmandu, Nepal and into the Mount Everest Base Camp area. While there, the Bell 407GXP successfully climbed to an altitude of 20,000 feet. The demonstration flight was executed from Lukla airfield and demonstrated several landings from 13,500 ft.

to 19,600 ft. near the Everest Base Camp. "Simrik Air was able to test the aircraft and experience first-hand the incredible performance of the Bell 407GXP during the Nepal demonstration tour and, as a result, selected this aircraft to join its fleet," said Sameer A. Rehman, managing director, Asia Pacific. "Operating helicopters in the highest terrain on the planet presents unique challenges, and the Bell 407GXP meets those challenges as the ideal platform for this demanding environment."

Derived from the Bell 407GX platform, the Bell 407GXP has an additional 50 lbs. (22.5 kg) of payload capability, coupled with the new M250 Rolls-Royce engine that improves performance and fuel efficiency delivering class leading hot and high performance. The aircraft is also equipped with new avionics features, such as a hover performance calculator improvement, as well as a transmission TBO extension of +500 hours that is expected to lower maintenance costs.

"It has been a privilege to work with Simrik Air and Capt. Thapa as we carefully understood their operations, and are proud of their selection of the Bell 407GXP to meet their needs," added Rehman. "We look forward to growing our presence in this region by providing advanced performance capabilities and outstanding customer support and service for which Bell Helicopter is known."



MEET THE VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL VINE STARS

Meet the Vine Stars

VANCOUVER, BC Vine stars from around the world will travel to Vancouver for the **39th Vancouver International Wine Festival, February 11 to 19** at the Vancouver Convention Centre and other venues in Metro Vancouver. Each of the [180 wineries](#) from the 16 participating countries will send a high-level representative (owner, winemaker, senior executive) to the festival to present their wines. They'll participate in educational seminars, team up with Vancouver's best restaurants for exclusive dinners and sample a selection of their wines in the Tasting Room. This year the theme country is Canada, which is bringing vine stars from across the country to Vancouver this February. For details on the 54 festival events, check out the interactive [Festival at a Glance](#), updated regularly with sales status.

"We are thrilled to welcome top winemakers, owners and senior winery representatives to our festival each year," says Harry Hertscheg, VIWF executive director. "Festivalgoers will have the opportunity to meet the people directly responsible for the wines they are tasting, and principals from across Canada and around the wine world can connect to share ideas, projects and opportunities." Winery principals are identified by a royal blue lanyard at events.

THEME COUNTRY VINE STARS: CANADA

All 76 participating wineries from British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia will have a principal in attendance in the Wines of Canada section of the Tasting Room and at the cross-country culinary journey on Saturday, February 18, *Celebrate Canada's 150th*.

Glenn Fawcett, President, Black Hills Estate Winery, British Columbia

Glenn is responsible for running the business and sales and marketing end of Black Hills. As an entrepreneur, he was involved in running high-end wine tours of the Okanagan before joining Black Hills. Prior to that, he was president and owner of Bust Loose Holidays, one of Canada's most successful tour companies for university and college students. **Meet Glenn at BC's *Original Icon; The Benchmarks***

Pedro Parra, Terroir Expert, Haywire, British Columbia

Pedro Parra is a wine terroir expert, who received his training in France. His clients are located in Chile, Argentina, Italy, Sonoma, Oregon, Armenia, Uruguay, Burgundy and in British Columbia, for Okanagan Crush Pad. He helped create Clos des Fous, a winery that explores the very extreme terroirs of Chile and more recently launched his own portfolio of wines under the Parra Y Familia label. **Meet Pedro at BC: *Diversity & Purity; BC Pioneers & New Kids; Heartbreak & Backache***

Darryl Brooker, Vice President Winemaking, Mission Hill Family Estate, British Columbia

Darryl Brooker has more than 18 years of experience making premium wines in Canada, New Zealand, and in his native Australia. As Chief Winemaker at Mission Hill Family Estate, Darryl focuses his efforts on making fine wines that reflect the terroir and unique estate vineyard sites in the Okanagan Valley. **Meet Darryl at**

Oculus Retrospective; Redefining the Okanagan; Canada Coast to Coast; Okanagan Estate Collection

Randy Picton, Winemaker, Nk'Mip Cellars, British Columbia

In 2002, Randy Picton was named Nk'Mip's first winemaker. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Picton completed the Winery Assistant Program at Okanagan College. He interned at CedarCreek Estate Winery, joining the winery after graduation and rising quickly up the ranks. Picton, a non-native, is training youths from the Osoyoos Indian Band to assume winemaking duties for Nk'Mip Cellars. **Meet Randy at *The Wine Economy in Canada (reception); Wines of Canada Party***

Ann Sperling, Owner / Winemaker, Sperling Vineyards, British Columbia

Considered a leading force in the Canadian movement towards organic and biodynamic fine winemaking, Ann has over two decades of experience in winegrowing, winemaking and consulting for successful winery startups. Raised on a family vineyard in Kelowna, BC, Ann's talents were recognized in the early nineties when her 1992 Merlot took the Gold medal at the International Wine and Spirits Competition in the UK and Platinum at the Okanagan Wine Festival. In 2004, Ann was awarded with Winemaker of the Year at the Ontario Wine Awards. **Meet Ann at *I Heart Bubbly Party; The Wine Economy in Canada (reception); Wines of Canada Party; Heartbreak & Backache; BC Pioneers & New Kids; 25 Under \$25***

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Ezra Cipes, CEO, Summerhill Pyramid Winery, British Columbia

As a second-generation operator, Ezra Cipes feels blessed that his personal dharma led to such a beautiful industry. Recently Ezra has taken a leadership role in the BC wine industry as a director of the CVA and BCWI, and the chair of the BC Wine Appellation Task Group that tabled its recommendations in November, 2015. **Meet Ezra at Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction; Canada on the World Stage; BC: Diversity & Purity; Wines of Canada Party; Canada Coast to Coast; Sparkling Wines of Canada; 14th Annual Awards Lunch; Vintners Brunch**

David Paterson, GM / Winemaker, Tantalus, British Columbia

After 40+ years in BC's fishing industry, Tim was looking for a new project. Having grown up in Victoria and Shawnigan Lake watching the rapidly evolving wine and food culture of the Cowichan Valley, he purchased a small vineyard and winery in the fall of 2009 and released Unsworth's first vintage two years later. **Meet Tim at BC: Diversity & Purity; Wines of Canada Party**

Paul Bosc, President And CEO, Château Des Charmes, Ontario

Paul is a fifth-generation French winegrower who graduated from the University of Burgundy in Dijon, France with degrees in Viticulture and Oenology. His wines have been awarded medals at numerous national and international wine competitions. He has been the recipient of many honours, including The Order of Ontario, The Order of Canada, and the LCBO Special Recognition Award. **Meet Paul at Ontario's Star Whites; Canada Coast to Coast; Discover Ontario's Cool; Trans Canada Tasting**

Keith Tyers, Winemaker, Closson Chase, Ontario

Keith Tyers, a graduate of the International Sommelier Guild program (Humber College), began work at Closson Chase in 2003 as a vineyard hand. 2004 he was promoted to Assistant Winemaker working under Deborah Paskus until 2009. After a two-year hiatus as a wine consultant, he returned to Closson Chase as

retail manager. In 2015, he was promoted to winemaker. **Meet Keith at Poised for Pinot; Wines of Canada Party; Canada Coast to Coast; 14th Annual Awards Lunch; Trans Canada Tasting**

Allison Christ, Winemaker, Colio Estate Wines, Ontario

Allison Christ began fostering her wine making skills with an Honours BSc. in Chemistry/Mathematics from the University of Windsor, followed by harvest experience in small and large winery settings, and serving as president of the Windsor Essex Chapter of the Ontario Wine Society. Allison brings her passion to all facets of cellar and winery operations with a focus on harvest, fermentation, blending and bottling. She works in partnership with the vineyard manager to ensure that quality parameters are met throughout the growing season and at harvest. **Meet Allison at I Heart Bubbly Party; Wines of Canada Party; Discover Ontario's Cool**

Thomas Bachelder, Winemaker, Domaine Queylus, Ontario

Canada's 2009 Winemaker of the Year, Thomas left his position as winemaker with Le Clos Jordanne to become a consultant, as well as winemaker and manager of Domaine Queylus. Wine lovers will recognize Thomas' elegant European signature style. As the régisseur manager, Thomas is responsible for all the Domaine's wine decisions. **Meet Thomas at Poised for Pinot; Ontario's Star Whites; Discover Ontario's Cool; 14th Annual Awards Lunch**

Harald Thiel, Vigneron / Proprietor, Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery, Ontario

In 2003, Harald and his brother sold their audio-visual business, permitting him to pursue his dream of owning an artisanal winery. Harald sits on a number of public, private and volunteer sector boards and is the former chairperson of Tourism Toronto and the International Communications Industry Association. (ICIA). Prior to starting Hidden Bench, Harald was one of the founders of the Gourmet Food and Wine Expo in Toronto and is also a founding

partner in the Upper Canada Cheese Company in Jordan, Ontario. **Meet Harald at Ontario's Star Whites; Poised for Pinot; Canada Coast to Coast; Discover Ontario's Cool; Heartbreak & Backache; Trans Canada Tasting**

Bruce Nicholson, Winemaker, Inniskillin Niagara Estate, Ontario

Bruce Nicholson became Inniskillin Niagara Estate's winemaker on January 1, 2007, after an outstanding career in the Okanagan, where he was Senior Winemaker for Jackson-Triggs Okanagan Estate. Born and raised in the Niagara Peninsula, Nicholson studied Sciences at Ontario's Ryerson University and University of Windsor, and apprenticed in winemaking in Niagara before heading out to Western Canada. **Meet Bruce at Ontario's Star Whites; Poised for Pinot; The Wine Economy in Canada (reception); Wines of Canada Party; Canada Coast to Coast; Discover Ontario's Cool; 14th Annual Awards Lunch**

Marco Piccoli, Winemaker, Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate, Ontario

Marco worked in Italy, Germany and Argentina, gaining valuable experience in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. He earned a Master's Degree in Grape Growing and Winemaking from the University of Udine and the University of Applied Science in Wiesbaden-Geisenheim. Marco interned at the Inniskillin Niagara Estate Winery and in 2005 became a winemaker at Jackson-Triggs Niagara Estate. **Meet Marco at I Heart Bubbly Party; The Wine Economy in Canada (reception); Wines of Canada Party; Discover Ontario's Cool; Sparkling Wines of Canada; 14th Annual Awards Lunch**

Jean-Benoit Deslauriers, Head Winemaker, Benjamin Bridge, Nova Scotia

Jean-Benoit joined Benjamin Bridge in 2008 after working at biodynamic and organic wineries in California and Chile. He hand crafts all of Benjamin Bridge's classic method sparklings and still wines, with a focused style on grower wines and small lots from its certified organic vineyards, elevating the wine programs to new heights with national and international recognition. **Meet Jean-Benoit at Canada Coast to Coast; Tales of Next World Wines; Sparkling Wines of Canada; Trans Canada Tasting**



Martin Sonka of the Czech Republic earning the first race win of his career. Second place Juan Velarde (ESP) and third place Pete McLeod (CAN).

AIR BP IS PROUD TO BE AN OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF 2017 RED BULL AIR RACE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Air BP, the international aviation fuel products and service supplier, is delighted to announce it is an official sponsor of the 2017 Red Bull Air Race World Championship, serving as both the fuel supplier and carbon reduction partner for the 2017 season.

The announcement comes as the first race of the season reached an exciting conclusion on Corniche Island in Abu Dhabi, UAE this weekend, marking the World Championship's 75th race. The Edge and MXS race planes which were fuelled at Al Bateen Executive Airport (where Air BP holds a Technical Services Agreement with ADNOC), performed an amazing display of high-speed, low altitude racing to the delight of the crowd.

As part of the sponsorship deal, Air BP will work with Red Bull Air Race to offset the carbon emissions associated with aviation fuel during the 2017 race season. This is achieved via an offsetting programme managed by BP Target Neutral which supports targeted environmental projects around the world that have reduced emissions by an equivalent amount. This gives Red Bull Air Race a carbon neutral fuel footprint for the 2017 season. Environmental issues remain a growing and important feature on Air BP's agenda and through its Environmental Solutions Offer, the company provides a number of services to help customers work towards a lower carbon future. Air BP and Red Bull Air Race share a passion for aviation and both brands share knowledge and expertise in technical delivery, safety and quality making them ideally suited to the tenth season.

Commenting on the announcement, Jon Platt, CEO of Air BP, said: "Through our new relationship with the Red Bull Air Race World Championship, Air BP is proud to be involved with one of most exciting sports in existence, one that is in perfect alignment with our core values of safety, excellence and teamwork, and our ambition to be a leader in driving down carbon emissions across the aviation industry."

"We congratulate Martin Sonka of the Czech Republic who beat the clock to win the first race of the season and his first race

win since he joined the World Championship in 2010. We look forward to helping all of the pilots achieve extraordinary things during their remaining races this year."

"The Red Bull Air Race World Championship is proud to work with an industry leader like Air BP," added Erich Wolf, Red Bull Air Race's General Manager. "At every stop of the World Championship, our pilots push themselves and their aircraft to the limit, so it's imperative we use the highest quality fuel products and services available. With Air BP, we can do this while knowing we're working to protect the environment."

